CONFIDENTIAL C. M. Brennar Wilson M. State States agmar Wilson left for New York on 5 August 1967 and will be working at the WSP headquarters in New York until leaving New York for Hanoi on 25 August 1967. Wilson reportedly hopes to keep this from the press to avoid possible adverse publicity and the possibility Donna Allen, another prominent of being kept from leaving. member of WSP, reportedly is the only person having Wilson's telephone number in New York. the WSP office in New York as 7.99 Broadway. (It, is to be noted that 797-799 Broadway is the listed address of reedomways Associates, a CP publication, and the office of Felix Ojeda/Latin American writer for the Worker.) WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE ATTACHMENT: - CC OF LETTEN WHICH WILSON A-LLEGEDLY PASSING OUT APPROVED FOR RELEASE - CIA INFO□ DATE: 06-21-2011 MY AUG 24 1967 EX 104

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The women of North Vietnam have invited me with two other WSPers to visit them at the end of August. This will be an expensive undertaking and many questions have been raised as to the value of our going. I have listened to the questions - some of which were my own - and after some consideration, have concluded that this visit is not only desirable but can be especially significant to the women's Peace Movement in two

First, it will serve to reaffirm some basic WSP principals; second, out of talks with the Vietnamese - especially the women - we can hope to develop a program for future action, not only to end this war, but to bring about a world without war in future.

The act of going to Vietnam is a manifestation of our refusal to recognize the authority of our government to choose for us who our enemies are and who shall be our friends. As American citizens visiting a country under siege by U.S. armed forces we affirm our identity with the victims of aggression thereby challenging the right of any nation to hold the power of life or death over another. By communicating directly with Vietnamese people on their soil, we build solidarity between those who refuse to succumb to violence and those who like ourselves, refuse to be accomplices to violence,

It, is my firm belief that if war is ultimately to be climinated as a means of implementing the foreign policy of nation states, it will be done by building a strong independent counterforce to totalitarianism. This will come about through the development of solidarity among people who insist that the world be governed by people, for people, and who refuse to be exploited as pawns in an endless political power game.

Women know that they have a special roll to play in the development of the force for peace and rationality, and we need each others moral support. I am personally looking forward to the fruits of my first encounter with the Vietnamese women. They have reiterated their eagerness to receive a WSP delegation.

On our refurn the three delegates, who will include Mary Clarke from the West Coast and a representative from the Middlewest of their own choosing, plan to speak wherever we can find an audience.

Believing that the time has come for more intense and persistent action by the women's Peace Movement, I have gratefully accepted the offer of the N.Y. WSPers to pay my salary for at least three months after my return. This will free me to travel around the country, to speak, and meet with WSP groups.

For all these reasons I ask you to help finance this mission to North Victnam, The cost of travel and expenses will be approximately \$2,000.

Sincerely yours for tomorrow